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Mr. Johnny Reising U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office P.O. Box 538705 Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL - SOIL STOCKPILE 3 WAC REPORT RE:

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's May 8, 2000 submittal "Transmittal of the Draft Waste Acceptance Criteria Attainment Report for Soil Stockpile 3." Ohio EPA has one substantial concern necessitating a conditional approval of the document. The SP3 excavation must include layer-specific WAC scans as required by the Site-wide Excavation Plan. Ohio EPA's condition for approval is the revision of the excavation approach to include rad-tech oversight during excavation along with at least real-time scanning after every five days of operation. This will likely result in scanning at less frequent intervals than previously accepted three foot intervals, however Ohio EPA agrees to this approach in an attempt to address specific construction needs and pile characteristics. Ohio EPA expects that Soil Pile #1 will be excavated under the previously agreed upon requirement of a real time scan every three feet.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bohannon or me.

Sincerely,

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